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SUBJECT: TURKEY'S NEW GOVERNMENT

1. IN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 25 PRESIDENT KORUTURK ACCEPTED THE LIST OF CABINET MEMBERS PRESENTED BY PRIMIN-DESIGNATE BULENT ECEVIT. WITH HIS ACCEPTANCE, THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED; HOWEVER, IT MUST WITHIN ONE WEEK PRESENT ITS PROGRAM FOR A PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

2. BASED ON A COALITION OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), WHICH TOGETHER COMMAND A NARROW PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY OF 233 SEATS
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(185 RPP, 48 NSP), THE NEW CABINET HAS 17 RPP MEMBERS

AND SIX NSP MEMEBERS. HOWEVER, THE JUNIOR PARTNER WON SOLID MINISTRIES: INTERIOR, AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, JUSTICE, AND ONE OF THE THREE MINISTRIES OF STATE. THESE GIVE THE NSP CONSIDERABLE POWER IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE. ALSO, NSP CHAIRMAN NECMETTIN ERBAKAN BECAME DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, ALTHOUGH WITH FAIRLY RESTRICTED POWERS (ACCORDING TO THE COALITION PROTOCOL).

3. THE NEW CABINET IS RELATIVELY YOUNG (AVERAGE AGE 45) AND SEEMS TO REPRESENT THE NEW TURKISH EDUCATED ELITE. IT HAS A TECHNOCRATIC TINGE: SEVEN MEMBERS ARE ENGINEERS, SIX ARE LAWYERS, TWO ARE ECONOMISTS; SEVEN HAVE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE BUT ONLY ECEVIT AND ISIK WERE FORMER MINISTERS. FOUR (INCLUDING THE PRIMIN) HAVE STUDIED IN THE U.S. ONLY TWO ARE RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE CABINET LIST:

PRIMIN - BULENT ECEVIT, RPP.
DEPUTY PRIMIN - NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, NSP.
STATE - ORHAN EYUBOGLU, RPP; ISMAIL HAKKI BIRLER, RPP;
SULEYMAN ARIF EMRE, NSP.
JUSTICE - SEVKET KAZAN, NSP.
DEFENSE - HASAN ISIK, RPP.
INTERIOR - OGUZHAN ASILTURK, NSP.
FOREIGN AFFAIRS - TURAN GUNES, RPP.
FINANCE-DENIZ BAYKAL, RPP.
EDUCATION - MUSTAFA USTUNDAG, RPP.
PUBLIC WORKS - EROL CEVIKCE, RPP.
COMMERCE - FEHIM ADAK, NSP.
HEALTH AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - SELAHATTIN CIZRELIOGLU, RPP.
CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES - MAHMUT TURKMENOGLU, RPP.
AGRICULTURE - KORKUT OZAL, NSP.
COMMUNICATIONS - FERDA GULEY, RPP.
LABOR - ONDER SAV, RPP.
INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY - ABDULKERIM DOGRU, NSP.
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES - CAHIT KAYRA, RPP.
TOURISM AND INFORMATION - ORHAN BIRGIT, RPP.
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND RESETTLEMENT - ALI TOPUZ, RPP.
VILLAGE AFFAIRS ANC OOPERATIVES - MUSTAFA OK, RPP.

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FORESTRY - AHMET SENER, RPP.
YOUTH AND SPORTS - MUSLIHITTIN YILMAZ MATA, RPP.

5. BIO DATA ON THREE KEY CABINET MEMBERS BY SEPTTEL; OTHER BIO INFO BY AIRGRAM.
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